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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 5, 2002, kindly amend the application identified above in the following manner.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Kindly replace Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11, 12 and 16 as follows.

1. (Amended) An implantable tubular device formed substantially tubular and having a deformable portion formed on a peripheral surface thereof, with said deformable portion forming a predetermined angle with respect to an axial direction of said device and being easy to deform in comparison with a remainder part of said device, said deformable portion being formed in a plural number, and said deformable portions being entirely on said tubular device.